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MEMORANDUM TO: Files

SUBJECT: Biographical Intelligence Register

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1. The purposes of the Register were discussed with Mr. [] 25 July 1947. It was his opinion that the Biographical Intelligence Register should, in addition to its regularly allotted functions, be in a position to prepare biographical studies on individuals and organizations as requested.

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2. It was understood that the Department of State has the primary responsibility for preparing analytical studies and reports of a biographical nature for CIG. However, Mr. [] was of the opinion that the total biographical responsibility would some day be centralized under BIR.

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3. Mr. [] had two specific suggestions to make. (1) BIR should hold to the status quo and be prepared to assist CIG on any emergency requests for biographical studies such as that recently received from the Scientific Branch, in addition to its regular functions of locating, analyzing, and recording biographical information. (2) That BIR of the Reference Center should attempt to hire in its intelligence analyst and intelligence officer positions people capable of doing biographical research work. Mr. [] did not feel it wise at this time to carry forward a suggestion that the State Department should add additional personnel to its BI in order to carry out the State Department's commitments to CIG, neither did he feel that BIR should arrange for bringing in additional professional personnel at this time.

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